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Memphis, TN - Terrell L. Harris, United States Attorney for the Western District of
Tennessee announced today that DON BROWN was sentenced to 235 months in prison
by Judge Julia S. Gibbons. Brown's sentencing follows his June 11, 2002 conviction
by a federal jury for being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm.

Brown was originally arrested by MPD officers in January 2002 and charged with
Unlawful Possession of a Weapon. Because of Brown's criminal history, his case was
transferred to federal court as a part of "Gun Crime IS Jail Time," a joint initiative of the
U.S. Attorney's Office, the Shelby County District Attorney General's Office and local
law enforcement designed to reduce violent crime in Shelby County through the
aggressive enforcement of firearms violations. Brown was sentenced as an Armed
Career Criminal based on his three prior Burglary convictions and Criminal Attempt
Burglary conviction from state court.

This investigation was handled jointly by the Project Safe Neighborhoods Unit of the Memphis Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, & Firearms.

Assistant United States Attorney Stephen Hall handled the prosecution of this case on behalf of the United States.